

RESPONSE

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. The Office Action only notes claims 1-30 as pending in the present application. Applicant respectfully requests correction that claim 31 was pending as of the date of the Office Action.

The Office Action required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to three groups of claims on the basis that the inventions in each group are distinct. Note, claim 31 was not identified in the Office Action as being part of any of the listed Groups. However, claim 31 depends from claim 30, which was identified as Group III. Accordingly, Applicant is treating claim 31 as a member of that Group.

Applicant elects to proceed with the claims identified in the Office Action as Group I, which are specified as claims 1-17 in the Office Action. Accordingly, Claims 18-31 have been withdrawn from the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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